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1. Construction work on the circuit railroad around Berlin is the responsibility of the Chief Construction Office (Oberbauleitung) No. 5 of the Berlin Directorate of the State Railroads (RBD Berlin).
2. Changes in Railroad Administrative Areas

The present administrative area of RBD Berlin is considerably smaller than formerly. The present boundaries of RBD Berlin are to be contracted and brought into closer correspondence with the actual boundaries of the city of Berlin. The Koenigs Wusterhausen-Oderin railroad line and the Niederlehme-Beeskow line have been transferred to the Frankfurt/Oder Railroad Office (Reichsbahnamt-RBA) No. 7. Railroad district No. 7 has also been extended along the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder rail line.
3. An administrative reorganization of the Berlin city railroad district is anticipated in the near future. The individual railroad offices are to be disbanded as RBA's, but they will be continued as purely operative offices with operational functions. All administrative duties are to be devolved upon lower ranking offices or transferred to the Railroad Directorate itself. Only the Frankfurt/Oder Railroad Office, being a border office, is to be maintained with its present organization. The area of RBA 7 will be considerably extended.
4. The final boundaries of RBD Berlin will be located approximately at Erkner and at Koenigs Wusterhausen.
5. Construction on Control Towers (Turmstellwerke)

On the southern section of the Outer Ring there are several control towers. These structures are 5 to 7 stories high. On their roofs are cement platforms surrounded by railings. They have built-in connections for heavy electric current. The top floor of each tower is to serve as a guardroom (Mannschafts- oder Wachraum). The towers are so constructed that, in an emergency, 2.3 cm. anti-aircraft guns with searchlights could be installed upon their roofs. Their relative heights are as follows:

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| I. Genshagener Heide-Ost | 6 stories |
| II. Glasower Damm | 5 stories |
| III. Schoenefeld | 5 stories |
| IV. Gruenauer Kreuz | 7 stories |

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No. II above is located between Mahlow and Dahlewitz in the triangle formed by the lines Mahlow-Dahlewitz, Southern Outer Ring, and the curve from the Southern Outer Ring on the line Mahlow-Dahlewitz in the direction of Zossen.

6. Outer Berlin Ring Cable Project

The newly constructed Mahlow automatic telephone exchange (Basa) lies in the angle formed by the Mahlow-Zossen and Southern Outer Ring railroad lines. This exchange is a part of the Outer Berlin Ring cable project (Projekt der Verkabelung des Aussenringes um Berlin). Other sections of this cable project are as follows:

- a. A 136-pair cable is to be laid from the Ost-exchange (Basa Ost) at the Silesian Railroad Station (Schleisischer Bahnhof), through the long-distance telephone office at Markgrafendamm, the Rummelsburg station, and the Karlshorst station on the Southern Outer Ring, past the Gruenauer Kreuz control tower to the Mahlow exchange. On the Outer Ring, the cable is run either along the foot of the embankment on the right-hand side, or along the right-hand top edge; over bridges, it is laid in the middle of the track.
- b. At the Schoenefeld tower, 78 conductors (Adern) are brought into this cable and out again. The Mahlow exchange-office is not yet connected up.
- c. From the Mahlow exchange, a 110-pair cable runs to the Michendorf switchboard (Schaltstelle) beside the MIP tower. From this point, there are connections with the entire cable network of the Reichsbahn and with the long-distance cable running along the autobahn.
- d. A 120-pair cable has been laid between Rathenow and Brandenburg, where no cable was previously available.

7. Future Expansion

- a. The cable program for 1955 calls for:
 - (1) A 78-pair cable between Karow and Blankenburg, on the Northern Outer Ring, for which, at the present time, telegraph lines are being requisitioned (weggenommen).
 - (2) A 78-pair cable between Birkenwerder and Wustermark, on the Northern Outer Ring.
- b. The construction program for 1956 calls for:
 - (1) The rebuilding of the Wriezen-Neuruednitz rail line up to the Polish border; these tracks were dismantled in 1945-1946 on Russian orders. The Oder bridge has been in operation since 1954. On the Polish side of the river, the railroad is double-tracked. On the German side, the construction of transfer lines (Uebergabegleise) is planned.

8. Miscellaneous Notes

- a. When the long-distance telephone building on the Markgrafendamm is ready to function, the Mitte-exchange at the Anhalter Bahnhof in West Berlin will be eliminated.
- b. The Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin has a new president, Decker (fau). Former president Kurt Freitag has become state secretary in the Ministry of Transportation.

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- c. The lines leading to Berlin on the Northern Outer Ring, both planned and completed, are shown in detail on the sketch. These are:

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- (1) The branch-off at Birkenwerder.
- (2) The branch-off at Hohenschoepping (Velten line).
- (3) The branch-off at the Berlin to Nauen line.

- d. New automatic exchanges (Basa) are being constructed in the railroad stations of Wustermark, Mahlow, and Pankow.

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- e. The terminal date for the completion of construction projects on the Outer Ring is 1 May 1955.

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Comment: Kurt Freitag was made Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Transport on 10 January 1955.

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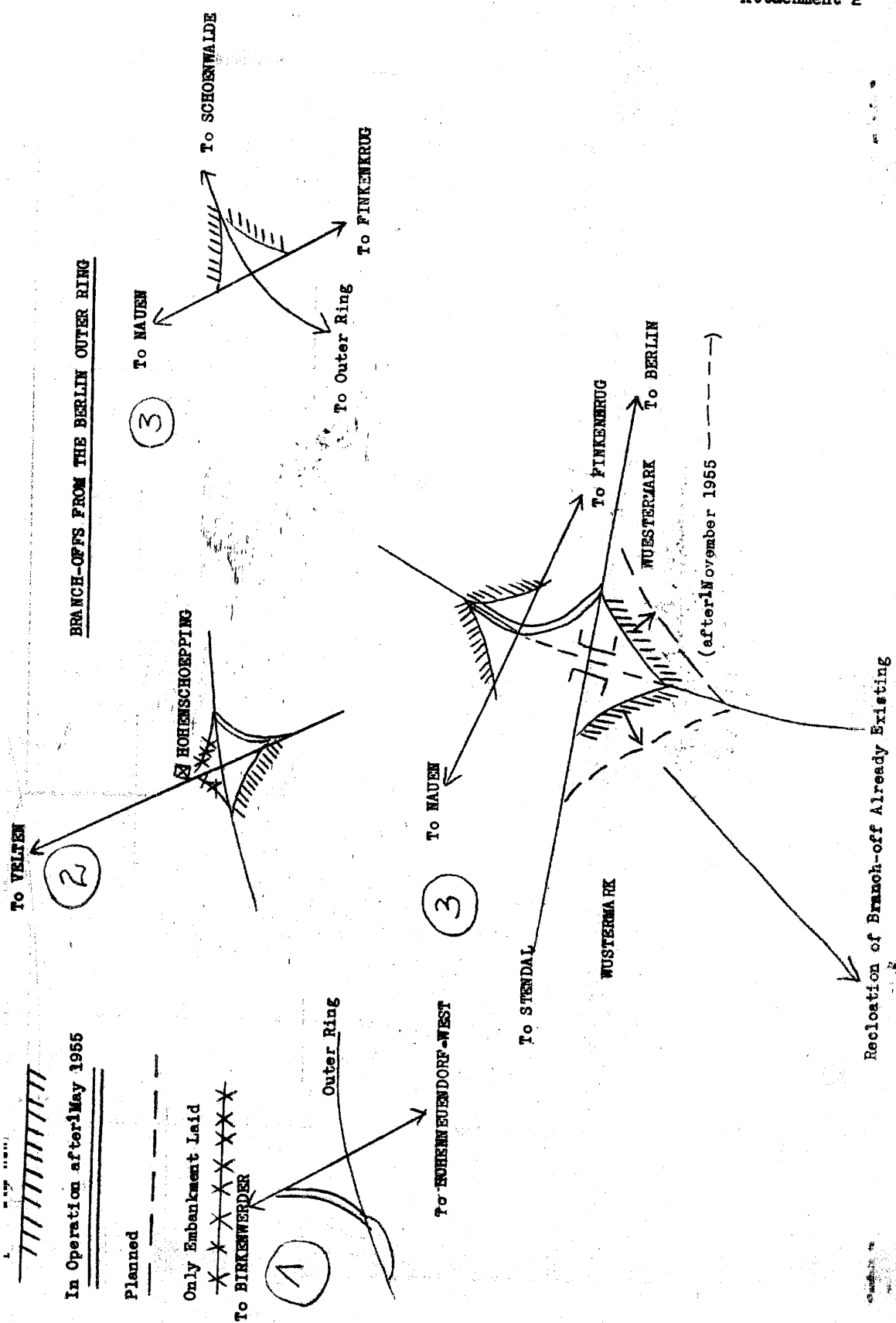
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BRANCH-OFFS FROM THE BERLIN OUTER RING



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